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TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for an original application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below, next to our names. We believe that we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**DEVICE, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR CONTRACTING
TISSUE IN A MAMMALIAN BODY****ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98.

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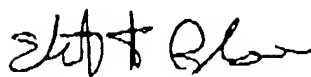
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